

Press Release



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Scenic Byway Designation

State Highway 200A from Washburn to Stanton has been designated as the Sakakawea Scenic Byway. In a ceremony today Doug Prchal, director of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, dedicated the new byway.

“Scenic byways are highways or roadways featuring unique scenic, natural, historic, cultural, archeological and recreational qualities and opportunities,” Prchal said. “The Sakakawea Scenic Byway is the ninth route in North Dakota to have this distinction.”

The route is 23 miles long and highlights fantastic views of the Missouri River Valley, along with some of the state’s most outstanding Lewis and Clark destinations.

Presiding over the dedication were the co-chairs of the Sakakawea Scenic Byway Committee, David Borlaug, president of the Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation, and Cheryl Schreier, superintendent of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site.

Also on hand were Allen Radliff, administrator of the Bismarck Federal Highway Administration Division office; and representatives from the North Dakota Department of Transportation, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, North Dakota Tourism Division, State Historical Society, and the communities of Washburn and Stanton.

“Scenic byways and backways highlight the many wonderful places and driving experiences people have available to them in North Dakota,” Gov. John Hoeven said. “With leisure driving the number one recreational activity in America, scenic byways are important to the state’s tourism future.”

In addition to the Sakakawea Scenic Byway, North Dakota’s scenic byways and backways include the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway, Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge Backway, James River Valley Scenic Byway and Backway, Rendezvous Region Backway, Standing Rock Native American Scenic Byway, Theodore Roosevelt National Park North Unit Byway, Turtle Mountain Byway, and the recently extended Killdeer Mountain Four Bears Scenic Byway.

The North Dakota Scenic Byways program is administered by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Department of Transportation.

Sponsors interested in applying for scenic route designations can contact the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department at 701-328-5357.

For more information on the Sakakawea Scenic Byway and the historic sites and other attractions on it, call 877-462-8535.